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APR 08 2008Attorney Docket No: 16517
Application No. 10/775,176
Page 1 of 4**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: James D. McNinch
Utility Patent Application No.: 10/775,176
Filed: 11 February 2004
Title: A PROBABILISTIC METHOD FOR
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 8, 2008

Sir,

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2008, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.

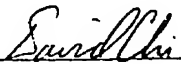
Please amend the claims to read as shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.

This response is being timely filed within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Non-Final Office Action.

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